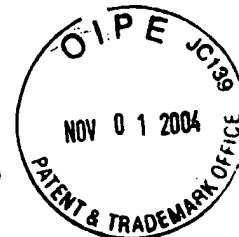


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Group Art Unit 3743



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Applicant(s) submits herewith:

1. Notice of References Cited (by the Examiner) (09/138,020);
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Applicant(s) submits that the above references taken alone or in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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